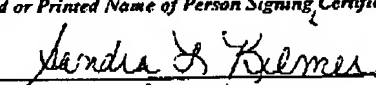
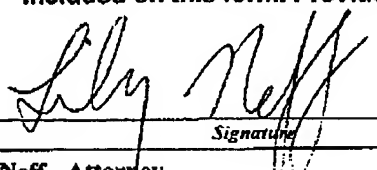


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Applicants request reconsideration in view of the following amendments made and the comments presented in applicants' remarks section,